

Friday Forum – November 2024

The US Presidential Election, 2024

Chaired by Professor Debjani Ganguly

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To be held online via Teams and in person at ACU Melbourne campus,
St Teresa of Kolkata building, room 421.7.11, 115b Victoria Parade, Fitzroy VIC 3065

ABOUT THIS FRIDAY FORUM

The November 2024 presidential election in the United States is widely debated in existential terms as a battle between democracy and authoritarianism. The outcome will decisively determine the trajectory of global politics and the fate of the planet in the years to come. This forum will focus on the outcome of the election and its political, social, economic, cultural, and environmental fallout for both the United States and the world at large.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

[Killian Quigley](#) is a Research Fellow in the Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences. He completed his PhD in English at Vanderbilt, where he earned the John M. Aden, Robert Manson Myers, and Rose Alley Press awards. He was subsequently awarded the inaugural postdoc at the Sydney Environment Institute, University of Sydney. In 2023, he served as invited Visiting Fellow at the University of Virginia's Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures. Killian's primary research interests reside at the intersections of the environmental humanities and literary studies.

[Brendon O'Connor](#) is a Professor of US Politics and US Foreign Relations. He is jointly appointed between the United States Studies Centre and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (in the Discipline of Government and International Relations) at the University of Sydney. He is the editor of seven books on anti-Americanism and has also published articles and books on American welfare policy, presidential politics, US foreign policy, and Australian-American relations.

[Andrew Kahl](#) is a Professor of History at the University of Virginia. Andrew specializes in the history of race and inequality in housing, real estate, and local tax policy and administration in the US, as well as the social and environmental history of beaches, outdoor recreation, land use and development in coastal America. His most recent book, [The Black Tax: 150 Years of Theft, Exploitation, and Dispossession in America](#), was published in 2024. He teaches courses on Race and Real Estate in the US, Local Politics in America, Urban History, and modern US History.

ABOUT THE CHAIR

[Debjani Ganguly](#) is Professor of English in the Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences. Debjani specializes in post-1945 English and global anglophone literatures. Her research is informed by postcolonial and world literary theories, new formalisms, new materialism, media ecologies, philosophies of technology and digitality, human rights discourse, and environmental concerns. She is the author of [This Thing Called the World: The Contemporary Novel as Global Form](#) (Duke 2016) and the editor of the two-volume [The Cambridge History of World Literature](#) (2021).

